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Mr. Freemont D. Schunck, Sec. and Treas.
The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.
Office of the Secretary
4706 Beloit Road
West Allis, Wisc.

Dear Mr. Schunck:

I have your letter of March 21 advising that the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club protests the decision of the A.R.R.L. Board of Directors to abandon national conventions. I will lay your letter before the Executive Committee of the League but I feel that the information I can give you will go a long way to explaining the action to your satisfaction.

As a first step in this, I am attaching copy of a Statement of Policy adopted by the Board of Directors at this meeting, in which the subject is pretty thoroughly explained. The action was based upon the thought that the peculiar nature of amateur radio, made up as it is for the most part of young men without particular financial means, makes it impossible to hold a national convention which is truly national. Regardless of the excellence of any previous national convention, it must be said that in point of representative membership attendance they were little more than glorified divisional conventions. The Board thought it unfair to hold a national convention to which the average member would be denied attendance because of financial limitations, and believes that the nature of amateur radio in this country is such as to dictate that, instead of a national convention, we should lend further encouragement to a series of fine divisional conventions, held regularly.

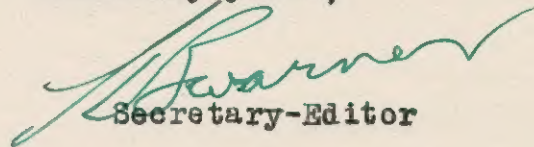
I am of course immensely sorry that the Milwaukee amateurs feel disappointed, but I think that is largely because they would expect a national convention to be held in the central part of the country; and I just ask your gang to consider how they would regard a national

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convention held at San Diego, California, or Portland, Maine--you know it would be so far away that the attendance from Wisconsin would be extremely small. That is the way the Eastern and Western States have always felt about a national convention in the central States. If there is no national convention, no one can feel left out, and the real need for this convention can be met by a series of good divisional conventions.

73. Greetings to you and your gang, OM, and very

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "B. Warner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Secretary-Editor

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Enclosure